

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

Trash in the Anacostia River portions in the District of Columbia and Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties in Maryland

The District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) is soliciting data and information regarding floatable trash in the surface waters in the District of Columbia (DC), namely the Anacostia River. The Anacostia River watershed covers portions of the state of Maryland and the District, and because of this the total maximum daily load (TMDL) for trash was developed through a cooperative agreement between US Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 (EPA R3), the District's Department of the Environment (DDOE), and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

The data and information gathered will be used by DOEE, MDE, and EPA R3 to support a decision to revise, or otherwise proceed with establishing a new trash total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) in response to the 2018 court case (*Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) et al., Case Number: 1:16-cv-01861*), which vacated the existing trash TMDL and requires EPA to approve a replacement. DOEE and MDE have both requested EPA R3 to proceed to revise, or otherwise establish a new replacement. Both DOEE and MDE will support EPA in revising the TMDL.

All the data and information submitted for consideration must include the quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) monitoring procedures and methods followed. Where appropriate, the data and information being sought will be used to:

1. Evaluate the status of impairment by floatable trash of the DC portion of the Anacostia River;
2. Identify existing, or new sources of trash that end up in the DC portion of the Anacostia River;
3. Develop and implement monitoring program to collect additional data needed to revise the trash TMDL that is currently in place, or otherwise establish a new one.

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Information submitted should include:

- Name, contacts (email, telephone and physical address) and affiliation of the person submitting the data and information;
- Data, information and/or reports of specific measurements at specific locations (submitted as hard copies or in electronic form). The locations may include, but is not limited to point and nonpoint sources, known or designated land uses, instream sites, stream segments, and other individual specific sites, etc.; and
- Bibliographic citations for all the data and information provided.

Please send any information and data you wish to provide no later than [insert date], to [SUGGESTED]:

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